

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0032] as follows:

[0001] In one embodiment of the invention, software tester 220 is comprised of a driver 204, a dispatcher 206 and one or more executors 208a, 208b, 208c, etc. Driver 204 receives the input to the test framework. In one embodiment of the invention, driver 204 is a command line utility that is used to start up the software tester. For example, driver 204 may represent a command line utility to which is provided the path of a test case or a test group file. Driver 204 may also be provided with instructions concerning the execution of the test. Driver 204 may also provide a number of command line options to be used to control the execution of the provided input. Driver 204 may be a pluggable layer so that, for example, a user interface driver may be used instead of the command line driver described above. It will be understood that although a command line driver and a user interface driver have been described, the use of any kind of driver, is contemplated. Such a driver may be written to interface with any Test Case Management system (TCM), to read test cases from a database and exercise those tests. Some TCM systems, for example, may need to communicate with a driver that supports command line execution in which case driver 204 must support command line execution. Another TCM system may implement a callable interface (such as COM™, .NET™, JAVA™ or the like), in which case driver 204 must be able to communicate with the called interface. Driver 204 may be written to support specific performance and stress testing requirements. For example, driver 204 may be developed to exercise all the test cases at one time, or to exercise the tests continuously for some period of time. Any of the above listed drivers or other suitable drivers are included within the scope of the invention.[.] Driver 204 may interface with one or more test case management systems 214.